



# Primary Regulator

San Diego Dive Club Newsletter

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## Sunset for 2012



Two Harbors, Catalina, photo by Rich Burns, coordinator for April, 2013 trip. See page 3 for additional details.

## Happy Diving in 2013

### San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meeting

Have some ideas and suggestions on the direction the dive club should be heading? Come share those ideas with the club officers. All members are encouraged to participate in the San Diego Dive Club Officers' Meetings. The Officers' Meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month at misc. locations. Please contact the SDDC President for monthly location. The officers of the club try to anticipate the needs, desires, and best interests of the club, but remember that this is your club, too. We need your new thoughts and ideas to keep our club fun and exciting.



## Long Range Calendar

- Jan 12 Underwater Confidence Course Rich Burns Co-or
- Mar 30 Underwater Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast
- Apr 19-22 Two Harbors, Catalina, Rich Burns Co-or.

## SDDC December Meeting



Lyall Bellquist, a local fisher and diver, and now a graduate student at Scripps Institute of Oceanography, shared info. on the cooperative effort among scientists, anglers, divers, and fisheries managers to access the status of calico, sand and bay bass, tagging 15K fish locally. Tagging happens on charters, private boats, and fishing tournaments, with a hope of 5-7% reporting response for "spaghetti" tags, in photo above, as well as acoustic tagging. Possible info. to be gained from the tagging includes relative abundance of species, mortality, movement in and out of reserves, and comparison with historical data from the 1950s. For more info. visit [www.cooperativefishtagging.org](http://www.cooperativefishtagging.org).

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH  
CONTEST WINNER  
RANDY THOMAS**

# January Meeting and Quarterly Raffle

Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm at Giovanni's

## California Ocean Fishing and Invertebrate Research

Presented by Travis Buck

Biologist, California Department of Fish and Game

Travis Buck, biologist for California Department of Fish and Game, will present a slide show of various fish, lobster, abalone, and clam research projects that he has been involved with over the past nine years. He will provide brief summaries of the different research projects, and also answer questions pertaining to fishing regulations.

### Underwater Confidence Course

**Saturday, January 12th, 2013 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Point Loma Sport Chalet SCUBA Training Pool**

Has it been a while since you've put on your wetsuit and logged some hours under the water, or do you feel that your skills may be a little bit rusty? Maybe you might want to try out that new piece of gear you've gotten for Christmas before you take it out to the ocean or on vacation. Well, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Your club Dive Masters and Dive Coordinators are going to set up an underwater confidence course at the Sport Chalet pool in Point Loma. You will have an opportunity to run through a course which will require you to call on some of your dive skills while negotiating various obstacles. If you have not tried this, you will find that it builds up your confidence and tests some of those basic open water skills we know you all practice on a regular basis ;-). What better place to do this, than in the controlled atmosphere of a nice warm training pool. You can't beat the cost for this course; it's free. If you do not want to take part in the obstacle course, no problem, you're welcome to show up and try out your new gear configurations, or test out your equipment in the pool before you hit the ocean. Whatever your goal; a challenge, or just increase your comfort level, we hope to see you all there.

*Please note: You need to be a current club member to take advantage of this free course. If you are not a member, or need to renew, you can do so that day. Also note: One of the primary ideas of the course is for you to be familiar, and comfortable with your gear, so only aluminum SCUBA tanks and air will be provided for this event, please bring your own SCUBA gear for use during the course.*

## Council of Divers Meeting Dec. 2012

Reported by Barbie Lass, Community Rep.

There was a large turnout for the December Council of Divers meeting. Discussion was centered on the La Jolla Shores Association's (LJSA) Request for Proposal to develop a policy for all commercial operators at LJ Shores & Kellogg Park. "The issue raised by some members of the La Jolla Shores Association (LJSA) is that the SCUBA schools and tours are clearly a commercial use of the beach, and should be regulated by an RFP (Request For Proposals), similar to those required by the kayak- and surf-school businesses," (quote from notes at summer LJSA meeting). While this hot subject is being considered, the Council and dive enthusiasts at the meeting came up with a list of ideas to help with good public relations.

Please use common courtesy and common sense when using Kellogg Park.

- Keep radio volume to a low level
- Don't purge regulators
- Use low tone of voice, especially during early and late hours
- Try not to use plastic tarps and/or take up a larger area than needed.
- Do not block sidewalks with gear
- Do not store or leave unattended tanks on benches, tables and walls. Items/gear/tanks left on the wall beside the children's swing area could be a hazard to children.
- Obey traffic laws, don't stop or block the streets.
- Respect Private Property
- Be careful on the Map. Unfortunately, the water and sand combination from feet, shoes & booties are wearing the surface of the map.

Other discussions: Commercial Divers & DFG are discussing opening San Miguel Island for *commercial take only* of abalone for 2014. The DFG is also looking to reduce the take limit of abalone for recreational divers from 24 down to 12.

Excerpts taken from the report of the November LJSA meeting. Read the full article at: [http://www.sdnews.com/view/full\\_story/20908927/article-Civic-report--La-Jolla-Shores-Association--Nov--14](http://www.sdnews.com/view/full_story/20908927/article-Civic-report--La-Jolla-Shores-Association--Nov--14)

Please join us for the January Council Of Divers meeting, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at the La Jolla Brew House.

We wish you all Happy Holidays! Kevin & Barbie

## Scuba Santa Recap 2012

Reported by Laura Brown, photos by Barbie Lass

We had 90+ divers in the pool for pictures with Santa, and filled the back of Scott's big truck with toys, delivered to Sister Tessa at Father Joe's Village. We had a good showing of volunteers and worked well with Sport Chalet. Dave, the Scuba Manager at Sport Chalet, had everything set up for us when we arrived at 9:00. We would like to extend our thanks to the store personnel, our tireless dive club volunteers and all the participants that helped to make this year a success for all the children that will be getting something under the tree.



## Two Harbors, Catalina Island, April 19-22, 2013

The camping cabins at Two Harbors have once again been reserved for a spring weekend get away to Catalina. The plan is to head over on Friday morning, and come back Monday afternoon (4 day weekend). Exact boat times and departure location are yet to be determined.

The cost of the trip is \$180\* and includes round trip transportation between Long Beach and Two Harbors, 3 nights' accommodations at Two Harbors camping cabins, breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings, and dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Boat diving has been arranged for Saturday and costs \$90 for a 2 tank dive. If you would like to sign up for this trip contact Rich Burns by e-mail at [sddiver@cox.net](mailto:sddiver@cox.net) or by calling 619-701-6589. cost of trip is based on per person, double occupancy in the camping cabins.

NOTE: Any changes or cancellations within 60 days of departure are subject to a 50% change/cancellation fee. Any changes or cancellations within 30 days of departure are subject to a 100% change/cancellation fee.

**You must be a current club member to sign up. Not sure if your membership is current? To check go to:**

**[http://www.dive-club.org/admin/membership\\_status.asp](http://www.dive-club.org/admin/membership_status.asp)**



# Photo of the Month Contest Guidelines

The rules for this contest, enforced by the honor system, include:

*The photographer and subject must be submersed in the same liquid at the same time the photo was taken*

*One picture per person per month*

*Display your picture as taken with your camera and lighting*

*Underwater pictures only (digital or film) taken since the last meeting*

*Cropping is OK, but please refrain from zooming in, and*

*No Software-based Enhancement before printing*

This is a friendly contest, featuring framed underwater photos displayed at the club meeting. Anyone in attendance can vote; the winning photographer receives 5 raffle tickets plus the fame and appreciation of the SDDC. Each month's winning picture may be displayed at the club meeting with the previous month's winner, and featured in the newsletter. Competitors, consider placing your photos onto portable media to provide to the Newsletter Editor in the event you win so the photo may be featured in the newsletter; or send as attachment to [editor@sandiegodiveclub.com](mailto:editor@sandiegodiveclub.com).

## DIVE CLUB MEETING

1st Thursday of each month @ 7:00 P.M.  
at

*Giovanni's Italian Restaurant*  
9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd

From 163 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. East

From 15 take Clairemont Mesa Blvd. West

Giovanni's is on the South side of Clairemont Mesa  
on the West side of Ruffin

Monthly raffle drawings!

January, April, July and October are the club's quarterly meetings and we will have a grand raffle prize. The winning ticket is drawn from that evening's batch and from the previous two months. **ONLY CURRENT CLUB MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN THE QUARTERLY PRIZE!!!**

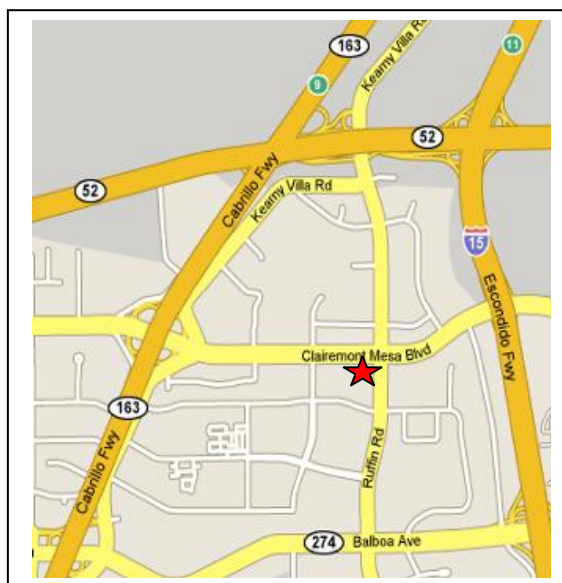


## Dips, Tips and Trips

Please send descriptions of your favorite local dive spot, best dive tips or U/W photo tips, or brief reports or articles describing your last dive trip. Or? We'll select, edit, and publish them, as space allows. Please submit electronically by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication to:

[editor@sandiegodiveclub.com](mailto:editor@sandiegodiveclub.com).

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## San Diego Dive Club Check Out These Benefits!!!

10% discount on non-sale dive gear & rentals, education classes, & boat charters at Sport Chalet.

10 free air fills and 10% discount on additional air at Sport Chalet.

Quarterly buddy lists & Monthly newsletter.

Meet new friends and dive buddies at monthly meetings & dives.

Group travel to exotic diving locations.

Ocean, lake, and beach cleanup events.

Special member only events.

Fantastic monthly and quarterly raffle prizes.